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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities received prior to 19 June 1955:

A. General:

Intensive training activity is continuing. More than 600 light AA guns and 80 new tanks arrived in East Germany. KVP training, predominantly training of recruits, is continuing at the posts.

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B. Dispositions:1. First Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. 9th Tank Division: Prior to 10 June, units of the division were at their posts and in the Zeithain area. The engineer battalion was absent from its installation.
- b. 11th Guards Tank Division: Elements of the howitzer artillery regiment were training in the Koenigsbrueck area. The tank units stationed in the Nachrichten Schule were located in the Bohra area.

2. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. 9th Guards Tank Division: Tank night firing practices were held north of Neustrelitz on 4 June.
- b. 12th Guards Tank Division: A major exercise was held in the East Section of the Wittstock training grounds on 9 June. Forty tanks, including T-54's, and 10 SP guns were participating.
- c. 1st Mechanized Division: Prior to 15 June, firing with rocket launchers and tanks and an infantry attack at company level with armored support took place at the Doeberitz training grounds.

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3. Third Guards Mechanized Army:

Between 4 and 12 June, 30 to 40 T-34 tanks were repeatedly observed engaged in exercises between the Forst Zinna area and Camp Werder-Markendorf. Eighty officers with tank insignia, presumably belonging to the 7th Guards Tank Division, were observed in the area on 4 June. A large tent camp, about 50 light AA guns and 100 trucks were observed south of Zinna village on 10 June. A tent camp was located southwest of Camp III (Installation No. 3207). Firing with 122 mm guns was taking place in the vicinity of the tent camp.

4. Third Shock Army:

- a. 19th Guards Mechanized Division: Artillery and mechanized units of the division were transferred by road from Magdeburg to Letzling Heath between 5 and 9 June. Most of the units from Hillersleben were presumably located in Camps I and III at Born.
- b. 207th Rifle Division: Elements of the 597th Rifle Regiment were transferred in two shipments from Quedlinburg to the forest camp southeast of Jaevenitz after 3 June. One shipment returned to Quedlinburg prior to 11 June.

5. Fourth Artillery Corps:

Elements of the 124th Heavy Howitzer Brigade, which had transferred to Altengrabow on 1 June, returned to Brandenburg on 5 June.

C. Engineer Training:

1. Elements of the 88th Engineer Regiment of the 2nd Guards Mechanized Army transferred in at least two shipments from Neubrandenburg to Rathenow on 1 June. Exercises were held on the Havel River north of Rathenow on 9 June.
2. On 27 May, engineer troops of the 12th Guards Tank Division conducted a river crossing exercise at the Neumuehler Schleuse north of Neuruppin.
3. Engineers of the 25th Tank Division returned in one shipment from Mahlwinkel to Templin on 6 June.
4. Elements of the 3rd Engineer Regiment of the Fourth Guards Mechanized Army transferred in one shipment from Eberswalde to Rossau on 14 June.

D. Shipments of AA Guns and Tanks:

1. Between 27 May and 6 June, shipments containing a total of more than 600 light AA guns of an undetermined caliber arrived at the following places:

Strausberg: 43 flatcars  
 Werder: 1  
 Fuerstenwalde: 59  
 Rossau: 12  
 Biesenthal: 36  
 Justerbog: 50  
 Erkner: 6

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Fuerstenberg: 6  
Altstrelitz: 2  
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On 31 May, 9x 37 mm AA guns were seen for the first time in Camp Biesenthal.

2. Between 7 and 14 June, 88 flatcars with loads exceeding standard measurements, presumably carrying T-54 tanks, were dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to the following places:

Forst Zinna: 22 flatcars [redacted] on 7 June.

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Templin: 8 flatcars, [redacted] on 10 June.

Satskorn: 9 flatcars, [redacted] on 10 June.

Satskorn: 9 flatcars, [redacted] on 11-12 June.

Forst Zinna: 22 flatcars, [redacted] on 11 June.

Altruppin: 8 flatcars, [redacted] on 12 June.

Koenigsbrueck: 3 flatcars, [redacted] on 14 June.

Templin: 4 flatcars, [redacted] on 14 June.

Neustrelitz: 3 flatcars [redacted] on 14 June.

#### E. KVP

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1. Elements of the AAA School in Oranienburg were entrained on 13 and 14 June, presumably for a four-week firing practice in the vicinity of Wustrow.
2. The camp southeast of Klietz was only lightly occupied on 9 June. Recruits continued to arrive there.
3. It was determined that the number of men discharged at Spremberg was approximately equal to the number of recruits. The AAA Regiment in Altwarp received approximately 150 recruits.
4. The recruiting campaign was scheduled to continue until late June. In early June, the quota of the Chemnitz registration office was increased by 35 to 40 percent or 1500 men. Fifty percent of the quota of the Cottbus registration office had been met by early June.
5. Six-week courses for Combat Group (Kampfgruppen) leaders will be held in Ballenstaedt.

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